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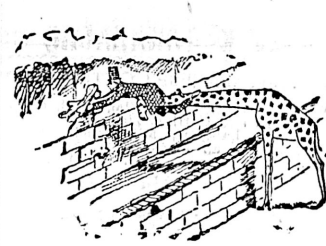
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SHELLING IN CONCERT

European Powers in Control of Crete Join in Bombardment of Candia.

The Mussulmans Started the Trouble by Fresh Outbreak Against the "Christians."

British Troops Attacked by the Mussulmans—Fierce Fighting Before Bombardment.

Candia, Island of Crete, Sept. 6.—Candia is being bombarded. The British troops which have been acting as police since the Greek war are fighting the Mussulmans. Riots are in progress and fires have broken out in various parts of the city. The Mussulmans started the disturbances. Crowds of them, supposedly unarmed, assembled in the principal square of the city to protest against the favoritism which they allege the powers are showing to the Christians. They threaten to burn the houses and destroy the property of the Christians unless the state of affairs complained of is remedied. The Turkish governor offered to help the British.

London, Sept. 6.—There is no doubt that Candia is being bombarded by the warships of the powers which have been stationed in the waters of the Island of Crete since the powers took joint control of that island. The advices from Candia were received this evening from a correspondent there who also called that he feared for the safety of his colleague in Candia, as he was unable to communicate with him. The fact that no dispatches were received from Candia after the bombardment began, seems to indicate that the situation there is serious. It has been known here that the Mussulmans were discontented at the joint rule of the powers in Crete. This was largely due to the fact that they were confined in the towns, while the Christians were allowed the liberty of the island.

Candia, Island of Crete, Sept. 6.—8 p.m.—Candia is in a state of anarchy. A collision between the Mussulmans who were demonstrating against European control and the British authorities, who have been installing Christians as revenue officials, culminated to-day in bloody fighting between the Mussulmans and the British troops. Fighting took place in various parts of the city, and many have been killed. When the outbreak was fiercest, a warship stationed in the harbor began firing shells, with the result that a portion of the city is in flames. The greatest confusion and uproar prevails, and it is feared the night will not pass without further pillage and destruction.

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flames. The greatest confusion and uproar prevails, and it is feared the night will not pass without further pillage and destruction. The trouble began with the attempt of the British authorities to install Christian officials. They had appointed a council of international control to administer the title revenues, and a detachment of soldiers were stationed outside the office as a precaution. A crowd of unarmed Mussulmans who had been demonstrating against the Christians attempted to force an entrance into the office. The British soldiers fired and wounded several. The Mussulmans spread rapidly through the Christian quarters, shooting into windows and setting many houses and shops on fire. It is reported that the British consul has been killed.

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

Canadian Butter For the Far East—Electric Railway Statistics—The Ottawa Fair.

Ottawa, Sept. 6.—The dairy commissioner is arranging for the export of Canadian butter in tins to the Far East, the English market being glutted. Shipments have already been made to the Yukon.

Statistician Johnson has made up the electric railway statistics for the past year. It appears there are 35 electric railways in Canada. Their track mileage is 583; the passengers carried were \$3,500,000, as compared with 16,170,000 on steam roads. The paid-up capital of the electric roads is \$18,700,000. Lord Aberdeen has consented to open the Ottawa exhibition on the 19th.

THE WHALING FLEET.

All the Vessels Caught in Arctic Ice Have Been Lost.

San Francisco, Sept. 6.—A special to the Examiner from Seattle says: "The news of disaster to the Arctic whaling fleet came in the following letter from Capt. J. C. Downing, of the Volcott, to Austin Claiborne, the local agent of the Pacific Steam Whaling company, from Juneau on August 29: 'I arrived from the westward this evening. The latest from the Arctic is that all the vessels caught in the ice were lost. Mason, captain of the Jeanie, is crazy. I obtained the above information from Captain Ned Lennon, pilot of the boat Wheeling. (Signed) J. C. Downing.'

This letter came via the steamship Alki, which has arrived from Juneau. Mr. Clearhuc believes that merely the whaling vessels originally caught on Point Barrow were destroyed. This includes the Jessie H. Freeman, Wanderer, Belvidere, Rosario, Newport, Fearless and Jennie.

MIDDLETON'S WIVES.

Two Appear Against Him in Court and He Is Committed For Trial.

Woodstock, Sept. 6.—R. L. Middleton, the alleged railway swindler, bigamist, was in the police court today committed for trial on September 29 on the charges of obtaining money under false pretences and of bigamy. Miss Lillian Munroe, of Toronto, swore to her marriage with Middleton in December, 1894, and Miss Sarah Smith, of Sarnia, testified that she was married to the prisoner in October, 1896, he being then known as Alexander L. McDonald.

FAST ATLANTIC SERVICE.

Plans For Perfecting New Scheme With-out Reference to Government Action.

Montreal, Sept. 6.—(Special)—A London cable to the Star says: "Plans for a short route service between Milford Haven, Wales, and Pasphebie, Quebec, are progressing. The Canadian steamship company working in conjunction with the Atlantic & Lake Superior railway company have announced that, sending the completion of a line of 21-knot steamers of the first class, steamships of somewhat less power have been chartered with which to make the journey between Milford Haven and Pasphebie, in a little over four days. The railway company is completing docks at Pasphebie for the largest ocean steamers, and the Great Western railway of England, is arranging for a special express service to London."

BAIT IN NEWFOUNDLAND.

Five Thousand Barrels Sold to United States Vessel as a Special Favor.

St. John's, Nfld., Sept. 6.—The Newfoundland government has consented to allow the Gloucester refrigerator vessel, the Tilly, to secure 5,000 barrels of fish bait in the west coast waters, in consideration of the owners of the vessel give a bond of \$10,000 to land the cargo in the United States, thus preventing the possibility of a portion being sold to the French. The colonial government has further impressed upon the owners the fact that this permission is granted as a matter of favor, and not as right, and must be construed into a precedent. No further concessions will be made until a settlement of the entire fisheries question is reached at the Quebec conference.

A SECOND BALACLAVA.

Such Was the Charge of the Twenty-First Lancers Upon the Dervish Host.

Freedom of City of London to Be Conferred on Sirdar—Gallantry on the Field.

Bravery of the British Troops Excites Admiration in the Capitals of Europe.

London, Sept. 6.—The Lord Mayor, for the citizens of London, has congratulated General Kitchener on his great victory over the dervishes, and told him that the freedom of the city awaits him upon his return.

The papers here enlarge proudly on the charge of the Twenty-first Lancers at Omdurman, which they describe as a second Balacava. Making all allowance, it seems to have been a brilliant feat. It was the maiden engagement of the regiment, which was recently converted from Hussars. They were ordered to prevent the enemy from returning to Omdurman, five miles distant. They charged to within 30 yards of the dervishes, when, suddenly they found themselves confronted by 2,000 hidden reserves. They did not hesitate, though they were exposed to a withering infantry fire, but began to hack their way through the enemy, who stood 20 deep. They struggled through, but every one who fell was instantly hewn to pieces by the fanatic dervishes.

The brunt of the fighting fell on No. 2 company. A corporal of this company who arrived on the far side of the enemy, drenched with blood and reeling from weakness, was ordered to fall out. Waving his bent lance, he shouted "Never," and called to his suddenly formed company, No. 2. After cutting through the enemy the lancers, bleeding and blown, re-formed steadily.

Col. Martin refused to allow them to charge again. He ordered them to dismount, and to pour a carbine fire into the dervishes. This fire drove the enemy back into the line of the Anglo-Egyptian force.

Another incident of the charge was the gallant attempt of Lieut. Montmorency, Capt. Kenna and Corp. Swarbrick to recover the body of Lieut. Grenfell. They kept the enemy off with their revolvers and pushed forward on a horse, which, however, shied, rendering their attempt fruitless.

Despatches from Berlin, Vienna, Paris, and Rome say that the mayors of those cities join in an unvoiced chorus of ungrudging praise of the British troops. The Times, for instance, says that the British troops have given proof of that valor, at once disciplined and impetuous, which is the grand military virtue of the race.

RIVAL LABOR PROCESSIONS.

Montreal Had Two on Labor Day—Suggestive Inscriptions on the Banners.

Montreal, Sept. 6.—(Special)—Labor Day was celebrated in a rather unusual manner here. Owing to a disagreement in labor circles there were two processions. One formed of Federated Trades and Labor Council carried the following significant banners: "We are organized to promote friendship and discourage selfishness." "We have no union connected with our organization that advocates soup kitchens or false labor bureau schemes. It is not a part of our programme." "Every person in this procession is a bona fide wage earner." The procession, which formed in Ontario street near St. Lawrence, paraded to Queen's park, where there was an interesting programme of sports.

The other procession, which was larger, was formed by the other organizations, the Central Trades and Labor Council, on Champ de Mars, and marched to the exhibition grounds. There were two special features of the parade of the Central Trades and Labor Council. The first was the participation in it of members of the firemen's and seamen's protective association of Great Britain; the second was the presence of a detachment of 24 bluejackets from the United States ship Algonquin, now in port undergoing rehabilitation after her cutting in two at Odgensburg to pass through the St. Lawrence canals. The central body also had with them a detachment of fourteen city policemen.

GOVERNOR CAMERON ILL.

Will Go to Ontario to Recuperate, and Administrator Will Prorogue Local House.

Winnipeg, Sept. 6.—(Special)—A Regina despatch says: Hon. Mr. Sifton will arrive to-morrow on an official visit to Lieutenant-Governor Cameron, who for some days past has been far from well, and will leave for Goderich to-morrow for rest and to recuperate, leaving the house to be prorogued by an administrator.

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C.P.R. WORLD-FAMOUS.

Celebrity the Road Enjoys a Reason for Refusing Advantage in Rates.

Inter-State Commission Makes Friendly Comment, Though Giving Adverse Decision.

Montreal, Sept. 6.—The following circular has been issued by the C. P. R. Company, addressed to the executive officers of competing and connecting lines:

The complete opinion of the Inter-State commerce commission in the matter of certain differences about passenger rates between the C. P. R. and a number of railway companies in the United States has just come to hand. The commissioners recite the circumstances under which the C. P. R. was by agreement with the other lines first accorded a differential, and in this connection they say:

"There may be reasons for which this particular differential ought never to have been granted, but if the differential principle is to be admitted at all it can hardly be said that the claim to it was utterly without foundation. In insisting upon it, numerous American lines had claimed and what many of them were enjoying. We and nothing in the negotiations which led to the re-adjustment of that differential in 1885 which favor of undue constraint upon the part of the C. P. R."

"Whatever may have influenced the road in openly reducing the rates it is difficult to see what better course it could take in view of the conditions. The Great Northern and Northern Pacific, its chief competitors, in wilful violation of the law which they are required to obey, had not only abolished the differential, but were taking at least some instances a substantial differential for themselves. The Canadian Pacific claims that the differential in the practices business was unduly diverted from its route."

"Ought the Canadian Pacific to have indulged in similar practices? Obviously not. If the American lines deemed the differential warranted they should not have published rates which exposed it."

"Neither do we see anything radically unfair in the present attitude of the Canadian Pacific to this question. A recognized method of settling differences between competing lines is by arbitration, and the articles of many railway associations provide for such arbitration. While therefore the Canadian road proposes to submit to the arbitration of one or more disinterested persons the adjustment of this matter in difference with its competitors, its position is instinctively felt to be a fair one. It may be wrong in its contention but it is not wrong in its use of the methods of the highwayman in enforcing those contentions."

It was not understood by this company that the commission would express an opinion on the rights of the claim for a differential, and therefore the company had no opportunity to present its own evidence and argument, but the commissioners have dealt with the subject in their report and they give it as their opinion that the C. P. R. is not entitled to a differential on the Pacific Coast passenger business. In giving their reason they say:

"This is clearly shown by comparing conditions now with those when those differentials were first allowed. In 1886 the Canadian Pacific Railway was a newly completed road. Its route was entirely new and its name little known. It had no communication with Seattle or Tacoma except by boat from Vancouver. It was in circumstances it might very well have been that it could not at the same rate obtain a fair portion of business. To-day all this is reversed. Of all the competing lines the tracks of the Canadian Pacific Railway alone extended from ocean to ocean. Its route and its service are equal to any. It has railroad connection with Seattle, Tacoma and Portland. It runs through cars on certain days each week from Montreal to Seattle and back to Vancouver, and through cars every day from Montreal to Vancouver. It has steamship connection with Asia by its own line to Vancouver. It may be doubted if the name of any of the rivals, perhaps of any American railroad, is more generally known throughout the civilized world than is that of the Canadian Pacific."

In reference to traffic between New York and San Francisco the commission expresses the opinion that the Canadian Pacific has no right to that traffic, because of the greater length of its road. In expressing this opinion the commission evidently lost sight of the fact that with nearly the same proportionate difference in distance between points in Eastern Canada and Manitoba they had already suspended the operation of the fourth section of the Interstate commerce act known as the "Long and Short Haul Clause" to enable the American lines via Chicago and St. Paul to compete with the Canadian Pacific for purely Canadian traffic. The Canadian Pacific without disturbing their intermediate rates."

It is not doubted that this will receive the further consideration of the commissioners. The findings of the commissioners justify every step taken by the Canadian Pacific for the protection of its interests from the very beginning, and while we regret that an opportunity was not given to present our case as regards the special question of differentials, we cannot help recognizing the marked spirit of fairness with which the whole subject is handled, particularly in view of the fact that on the one side was the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., a foreign corporation, while on the other was a combination of the lines of the United States representing 7,000 miles of railway, before an American tribunal.

Throughout the very careful analysis of the question, the commissioners seem to have entirely lost sight of the fact that while this company is competing with the United States railway lines, it is also competing with the important lines in the United States are active competitors of the Canadian Pacific in the Pacific Northwest. If such an arrangement were practicable and in the public interest the Canadian Pacific could very well afford to be glad to forego all claims to interstate traffic of every description if its United States competitors made no inroads on the business tributary to its line in Canada.

However in this case, as in all previous company agreements with the United States, it is governed by the decision of the commissioners, taking care of course that its rates will be on the same basis as those which prevail by any other route, and fairly covering the traffic affected by the decision, to take effect on the 25th inst., restoring anti-boat rates as far as possible in existing conditions, will be filed by the company in accordance with the Interstate commerce law.

(Signed) T. G. SHAUGHNESSY, Vice-President.

PORTO RICO COMMISSION.

Two Members Arrive at San Juan, Together With United States Postal Party.

San Juan de Porto Rico, Sept. 6.—The United States transport Seneca, with Admiral Schley and Brigadier-General Gordon, of the Porto Rico commission, arrived off the harbor last night, but did not enter until this morning. The Seneca brought also the postal commission, 30 nurses and six contract surgeons. There are 13 postal clerks with the commission for the various stations. The commissioners will make an investigation into the postal system of the island and report to Washington.

If sick headache is misery, what are Carter's Little Liver Pills if they will positively cure it? People who have used them speak frankly of their worth. They are small and easy to take.

THE AMERICA'S CUP.

Conditions for the Race with Sir Thomas Lipton's Challenge Agreed Upon.

New York, Sept. 6.—The conditions agreed upon for the yacht race for the America's cup are as follows: The match to be decided by the best three out of five races. Starting from Sandy Hook lightship, first race to windward or leeward and return; second race equidistant triangle; third race similar to second; fourth race similar to first. In the first race, the course shall be as nearly as possible 30 nautical miles in length.

The Challenger shall be informed at least one week before the first race what vessel is to defend the cup. The system of measurement, time allowance and racing rules of the New York Yacht club to govern the races, except as hereinafter mentioned.

The first race shall be sailed on Tuesday, October 3, 1898, unless the Shamrock be detained by stress of weather or other cause, in which case three weeks shall be given her for fitting out after her arrival, but the first race shall not be started later than October 10, 1898, and the races shall be sailed on Tuesdays and Saturdays until completed.

The competing yachts shall be measured with all of the weights, dead and alive, on board which they intend to carry during a race. Waste or water tanks if carried must be filled with water at the time of measurement. If either yacht by alteration of trim or immersion by dead weight increase her load water-line length or in any way increase her spar measurements as officially taken she must obtain a measurement by special appointment before the next race. If either yacht decrease her measurements for sailing length in any way in order to profit thereby in time allowance in any race she must obtain a measurement by special appointment before such race.

Distinct marks shall be placed at the load water-line on each vessel.

A BRIDGE COLLAPSES.

Sixty Workmen on New Railway Structure Hurlled Into St. Lawrence River.

Thirty or More Lives Lost and Many Survivors Terribly Injured.

Hogansburg, N.Y., Sept. 6.—A most appalling disaster occurred near here today. The great railway bridge being erected across the St. Lawrence river for the New York & Ottawa railway new under construction gave way about noon, sending upwards of 60 workmen down with the debris into the mighty rushing river sixty feet below.

Thirty-three of the victims have been taken to the hospital at Cornwall, Ont., and one of these is dead. It is believed that over twenty yet remain in the river and it is expected that the death toll will not be completed for many days. The workmen were largely from the New York side of the river and it is almost impossible to obtain their names. A number of the victims were Indians from the famous St. Regis tribe whose reservation is in the northwestern part of Franklin county.

Many of those who escaped climbed up the iron work which still rested on piers at either end.

The latest news makes it probable that the death list will reach fully 30. So far as can be learned 87 were on the pay roll, of whom 82 reported for work this morning. This list only 38 have been accounted for.

SPANIARDS IN PHILIPPINES.

Madrid Government Would Like to Send Warships to Bring Them Home.

London, Sept. 6.—A special despatch from Madrid, published here this afternoon, says the cabinet has been occupied in discussing the situation of the Spaniards, civil and military, in the Philippines who may be desirous of returning to Spain, but who may be deterred from so doing by numbers of the insurgents and their armed ships. Therefore, it is said, the cabinet realizes the necessity of sending warships for their protection. The despatch says the cabinet has decided to prevent the newspapers from printing the accounts of the secret session of the cortes.

Madrid, Sept. 6.—The cabinet has authorized the foreign minister, Duke Almodovar de Rio, to negotiate with the Philippine insurgents to ransom the 7,000 Spanish prisoners now in their hands, and it has been decided to transmit money to Manila for that purpose, and for the use of the Spanish troops, which are urgently in need of funds.

THE CZAR'S SCHEME.

Disarmament Council May Meet in September—Germans Covet Another Island.

London, Sept. 7.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: "Almost all the European powers have sent favorable replies to the circular of Emperor Nicholas, and it is now regarded as certain that a disarmament council will meet in St. Petersburg early in November. 'From a Spanish source, I learn that the German cruiser Argona is laying off Palayan island, in the Sulu sea, waiting instructions to take possession. The Germans have long been anxious to purchase the island.'"

REFILLING APOLLINARIS BOTTLES.

On July 8th William J. Verner, of Richmond Street West, Toronto, was charged before the police magistrate with unlawfully selling and having in his possession for sale goods to which a false trade description, namely Apollinaris, was applied. The actual offence of which he was accused was that of refilling Apollinaris bottles bearing genuine labels, with the intent that same should be taken to contain genuine Apollinaris, which is bottled only at the Spring near Neuenahr, Rhenish Prussia. He was convicted.

It may not be generally known that such offenders, likewise those who use counterfeit labels, or otherwise sell spurious Apollinaris, are liable under the criminal code to imprisonment for two years with hard labor, and fine.

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VANCOUVER'S BUDGET.

A Millionaire Discouraged With Yukon, Returns to Manitoba Wheat Fields.

Stabbed by an Italian—Cariboo Staging Adventure—Very Rough Lacrosse.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Vancouver, Sept. 6.—W. A. Ingram, formerly a millionaire miner of Montana and now a Manitoba wheat king, says, after thoroughly examining the Yukon country, that none of the creeks are up to expectations, while two-thirds of the claims on Bonanza creek are worthless. Eldorado is somewhat better but also has a number of poor claims. Other creeks have not been prospected sufficiently to find out whether they are good or not. If they are not the camp is doomed, for Bonanza and Eldorado are about worked out. The history of placer mining is repeating itself in Klondike.

If something else very rich is not discovered Dawson will become but an Indian trading post inside a year. All the timber is gobbled up by one man, Dan Stewart. The government have no reserve claims worth having, all having been taken before the order-in-council passed. In spite of reports to the contrary no gold has been found in Teslin river. Big Salmon river, Little Salmon river, Walsh creek, Pelly river, McMillan river, Stewart river and McQuesten river. In fact gold has been found nowhere in paying quantities except in the Klondike and Indian rivers. Mr. Ingram appears to be somewhat of a pessimist.

The site of the new drill hall will be on Dunsmuir and Beattie streets opposite the Cambie street grounds.

The steamer Lombard is in port with a cargo of sugar from Java for the refinery.

Jos Wolf, formerly city scavenger of Vancouver, but now of New Westminster, was stabbed in several places in a quarrel at Vancouver by a man known as "Dago Joe." Wolf is said to have picked a quarrel with the Italian. Baris is being held pending the result of Wolf's injuries.

A strike has been made on the Silver Tip, Texada, exposing six feet of pay ore, while free ore has come to sight in the Surprise in the lower level.

Mr. Frank Richardson wires home that the Cariboo stage fell over a precipice yesterday, the passengers escaping instant death by jumping. The only serious injury was to one of the passengers, a young man, who had his leg broken and sustained a painful scalp wound.

A Chinese wash house on Westminster avenue was partially destroyed by fire this morning.

Some of the junior players in the lacrosse match between Westminster and Vancouver at Brockton point yesterday gave a very brutal exhibition of their game and several players were badly hurt. One boy got so vicious a blow that he bled profusely from the mouth and nose and was unconscious for some time.

The executive of the Labor Day celebration deserves more than a word of praise for the very able manner in which they handled yesterday's big demonstration. There was not a hitch from first to last, and the day was greatly enjoyed by the thousands participating.

OPERATIONS ON 'CHANGE.

Variable Market in New York With Little Speculation—London Reports Favorable Outlook.

New York, Sept. 6.—To-day's stock market was variable and irregular at all times, but more or less under the continued influence of the shrinking surplus reserves of the banks and the stiff rate of money. General speculation was almost at a standstill and the movement was confined largely to spot and futures in wheat and corn. The market was higher in sympathy with London where the old fundman has an influence in all departments of the market.

The Evening Post's London financial cable says: "The stock markets here were generally good today on the clear political horizon, such declines as have taken place in Argentina and a few other stocks being merely due to profit-taking. Grand Trunk was in uncertainty and Berlin was weak."

Closing prices: Amn. Cot. Oil, 37½; Amn. Tob., 14½; Amn. Sugar, 143½; do. pd., 115½; Amn. Spinn., 13½; A. T. & E. F. pd., 34½; Bay State, 100; C. & N. Y. 88; Can. Sng., 53½; Ch. O. 3½; Chgo. B. & O., 117½; Chgo. Gas, 106½; Chgo. & N. Y. 134½; C. I. 115; C. M. & St. P., 113½; Cons. Gas, N. Y., 187; C. & St. L., 122½; Del. Lac. & W., 151; D. & R. G. pd., 57; E. E. 43½; Lac. Gas, 100; L. & N. E. 58; Mac. Elev., 95; Mo. Pac., 30; North Amn., 67 7½; do. pd., 78; N. Y. E. & W., 14; do. 1st pd., 37; N. Y. O. & N. Y. 16; Pac. Mail, 67; P. E. H. all pd.; Pullman, 188; Southern Ry., 67; Tex. Pac., 117 7½; U. S. Leather, 72½; U. S. Ry., 151; do. 1st pd., 151; Wabash, 32½; W. U. 94½; Met., 153½; Brooklyn R. T., 61½; Commercial cable in Montreal, 187 and 184; C. P. R. in London, 100 1/8.

Money on call firm at 2 to 3 per cent.; last loan, 2½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 7½ to 4½; new crop wheat, 4½; change easy at \$4.84½ to \$5 for demand, and at \$4.82½ to \$4.83 for sixty days; post office, \$4.83½ to \$4.84 and \$4.85½ to \$4.86; Commercial bills, \$4.81½ to \$4.82; Silver certificates, 50½ to 60½; Bar silver, 60½; Mexican dollars, 40½.

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THE SMASHING OF EL KALIFA.

The Sirdar's great feat of arms occupies almost a unique place in history. It is true that Mehemet pushed his forces up the Nile valley as far as General Kitchener has gone, and extended the supremacy of Egypt as far West as Darfur. But this was little more than a struggle between two desert factions and another, such as has been going on in the Sudan ever since men began to write history. Hitherto the Sudan has been a rock against which the armies of the North have expended themselves in vain, as the sea waves exhaust their power on some mighty headland. There is no record of any European race sending soldiers successfully as far up the Nile as Khartoum. From Alexandria to the former capital of El Mahdi the distance in a direct line is about a thousand miles. The route by the river must be nearly twice as much, and that followed by the Anglo-Egyptian forces, by water, rail, or across the desert on foot, must be nearly as long as the distance by river. The obstacles to be encountered are tremendous. A railway had to be built, operated and kept open, likewise a line of telegraph. Gunboats were constructed out of materials brought from the coast. Everything which the army needed had to be carried over the whole line of march, an undertaking of enormous magnitude, when we think of what a force of 25,000 fighting men, with a strong contingent of cavalry and a great retinue of camp followers, called for. All this had to be done under climatic conditions highly unfavorable and in the face of an enemy, who lack nothing in courage, however deficient they may have been in the most modern appliances of warfare. Wolsely attempted the same feat, but was recalled when the news of Gordon's death was received. He doubtless would have reached Khartoum, but whether he would have been equal to the task of "smashing the Mahdi" must remain a matter of opinion. If he had failed, we would have known that it was not because of his lack of skill or his soldier's lack of courage. Kitchener's expedition has been crowned with complete success. From first to last there has not been a single false step. A French paper speaks of the operations as like the demonstration of a mathematical problem. Another paper, some time ago after the battle of Atbara said something to the effect that having smashed El Kalifa at that point, and the weather having become too hot for fighting, the troops took a holiday, many of the officers going home to England to see their friends, holding themselves in readiness, whenever the Sirdar sent word, to go back up the Nile and help deliver the final blow on the great pretender. Give him a huge army near a base of supplies, and any general can crush an inferior foe by mere force of numbers. Even in such a wonderful campaign as that which ended at Sedan, victory was simply due to the fact that Germany was ready and France was not. Everything was against Kitchener, except two important factors, namely, that he had a free hand and good soldiers. He was not hampered with instructions. He did not set out on his campaign with a string tied to him and a meddlesome busybody-in-authority at the other end. In that respect he was like the Crusaders of old. He was where no one could help him, and so he worked out his own salvation.

But in praising the Sirdar we must not withhold from the men under him the recognition which is their due. Both British and Egyptian rank and file deserve the highest praise, but it is worth recalling that the post of danger was always occupied by Tommy Atkins, or his comrades in the Highland regiments, the Lanciers or the artillery. The splendid discipline exhibited by the British troops; their unflinching courage, their steadiness—a quality of such inestimable value in battle with any foe, and especially one made up of fanatics, are beyond all praise. This glorious advance up the Nile is worthy of a place beside the greatest feats of arms which shed lustre on the British flag. Splendid work was done by the Sudanese soldiers under the command of Kitchener. These fellows are natural fighters, and the only question about them was whether they would submit to the rigid discipline called for by war, when prosecuted under what we call civilized rules. But the surprise of all was the part played by the Fellahs of the Sudd. Kipling has told us how Sergeant What-his-name "Drilled a black man white, and made a mummy fight."

It would not be just to close any review of this campaign without a reference to the vanquished. At last the chivalry of the desert has gone down before the iron blows of the North. There is something pathetic about it. When we read of the horrors which marked the sway of El Mahdi and his no less cruel successor, we know that the awful blows struck at Atbara and Khartoum were in the cause of humanity; but the mind will yet picture the white-robed Emirs, Koran in hand, riding into the very gate of death with no thought of fear, and the crowded ranks behind them inspired by the thought that either victory or Paradise awaited them. But there is no time

to waste in regrets over the fate of the picturesquely valorous dervishes. In the mysterious economy of mankind such things must be. We may wonder at them, but cannot hope to understand them.

THOSE ALLEGED BLANK WARRANTS.

We supposed that the explanation given of what the Lieutenant-Governor calls "blank warrants" would have led to a cessation of references to them in the press, but it seems that there is a class of people whose notions of personal honor are so rudimentary that they are prepared to believe some trick was meant by some one connected with the government, by which money was to have been drawn improperly from the treasury. We wish to lay down a few fundamental principles. To draw money improperly from the public treasury is to steal it. To write something above a signature, obtained either by mistake or misrepresentation, is forgery. If anyone asked the Lieutenant-Governor to sign a paper in blank, with the intention of writing something on it afterwards, to which the signature would give a value, and the Lieutenant-Governor did not know of such intention, then a request for his signature would have been an attempt to commit a forgery. If, on such a forged document, money was withdrawn from the treasury, it would be stolen, just as much as it would be stolen if one should find a blank signed check, fill it out and draw the money. We mention these considerations in order that the public may know the view taken by this paper, and we believe by all honest men, of the act which some people have apparently taken it for granted that some one connected with the late government intended to commit.

The second point which we wish to make is that, in order to turn to base advantage the signature of the Lieutenant-Governor, it would be necessary for at least two members of the government to act in collusion, and also for at least two deputy ministers to co-operate, the work of the latter consisting in the alteration and other falsification of documents on file in the departments. That is to say: Supposing the Lieutenant-Governor had signed a so-called blank warrant, it would be necessary for from two to six people to be taken into the confidence of the person who proposed to get the money dishonestly from the treasury, and before the work was completed and the person got his money, it would be necessary to commit the crimes of forgery, falsification of records and obtaining money under false pretences. Some of the present government press are discussing these blank warrants as if it were the most natural thing in the world for members of a provincial cabinet to commit, and members of the provincial civil service to be a party to, such nefarious conduct.

We are particularly desirous to make this matter very clear. The brunt of the whole defence of the late administration falls upon Mr. Turner. It is his name that is always mentioned in connection with the disreputable insinuations of dishonesty above spoken of. Mr. Turner has no desire to shrink from defending his public acts and his whole conduct while in office. His friends have no hesitation in pledging their faith up to his integrity. They regard him as a public man, who has been most shamelessly assailed and most unjustly treated, and are prepared to stand by him as their honored leader until his good name has been vindicated, and the injustice done him has been set right. In view, therefore, of his past, present and future position in regard to the party which entrusted him with its full confidence during the last four years, it is right that people should be made to understand, first the gravity of the charge of dishonesty so lightly made, and second, how utterly without foundation it is. The first point has been fully illustrated. Let us now proceed to the second.

So far as Mr. Turner knows—and he was seen on the subject only yesterday by the Colonist—no such thing as a blank warrant was ever presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for his signature. His memory of the practice of the treasury in these matters is very clear, because he was for twelve years at the head of that department. He says that he can only recall one set of so-called warrants in which there might be some blank sheets. He knows that there have been blanks in such groups on former occasions, and presumes there were some on the last occasion, when this group was sent to the Lieutenant-Governor. This is in the educational warrant for the salaries and travelling expenses of teachers and others connected with the department. The practice of the Chief Superintendent of Education, or the clerk in his office who makes up this group of so-called warrants, is to place one or more blank sheets in connection with the warrant for travelling expenses. This is done because the warrant for travelling expenses always goes in a lump sum, and as the several amounts, which are always small, are paid, the Auditor-General requires some space in which to make a note of the several payments. He would not have space to do this on the margin of a single "warrant," and so an extra blank sheet or two is inserted. This is purely a matter of official routine, and the clerk who makes up the group of warrants, no more thinks of asking a minister how many he shall put in, than of asking him when he shall get a new piece of blotting paper.

Now, what is this so-called warrant? It is a document in the following form: Government of British Columbia. Requisition No., for issuance of a

warrant granting authority to expend the following sums out of estimates for the expenditure of the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1899.

No. AUDIT OFFICE WARRANT BOOK.

Number of Vote.
Abstract of payments to be made.
Amount required.
For Auditor's use.
Date initialed.
Amount authorized.

These lines are the heads of columns, and below them follows a blank rule space. Then this certificate:
Total—\$.
and then this certificate:
Certified correct.
Signature.
Auditor.
Office.

Note the blank in the line following the requisition in capitals, "No. Audit Office Warrant Book." If a blank sheet is needed for the reason specified above, this blank is filled with the same number as that on the sheet containing the amount, but the part of the form intended for the certificate will be torn off. This, Mr. Turner says, has been the practice in the past, and he presumes it was followed in making up the educational warrant at the close of the last half-year.

Note again that the Lieutenant-Governor does not sign each sheet separately, but only either the first or the last, as suits his convenience. Mr. Dewdney used to sign the first sheet generally, but Mr. McInnes usually signs the last sheet. Bear in mind that a number of forms as above are sent to the Lieutenant-Governor, accompanied by the order-in-council recommending the payment of the several amounts. When they come back there is nothing to prevent the Auditor-General from taking out the paper-fastener which holds them together, and slipping in a ream of sheets if he wishes. For convenience, the necessary blanks are put in the first place.

Now, suppose some dishonest person wished to include in the group of requisitions or warrants some amounts which the Lieutenant-Governor had not seen. In such a case he would have to alter the amount, as it appeared in the order-in-council in connection with the number corresponding to that upon the so-called blank warrant. This would necessitate collusion with the officer having charge of the orders-in-council; and also on the part of the Auditor-General, and probably by the deputy head of the department against which the amount would be charged. Such collusion is theoretically possible; but if it is once admitted that there is danger of such infamous rascality, we may as well despair of carrying on any kind of government whatever. We are willing to concede without argument that if the members of a cabinet and the chief members of the civil service choose to collude for such a purpose, they can falsify the public records as they like, and steal as much money as they wish, and that, if they only steal enough to be able to buy up the public accounts committee, their rascality will be tolerably safe from detection. The suggestion that such a thing would be done is, of course, absurd; but it is just such a thing that those people must have in mind, who allege that an attempt was made dishonestly to procure the Lieutenant-Governor's signature to blank warrants. Such a signature would have no especial value as an autograph, even if it were written on the blank, which would not be the case, for he would not sign the blank in any case. It would have no value, except for the purpose outlined above.

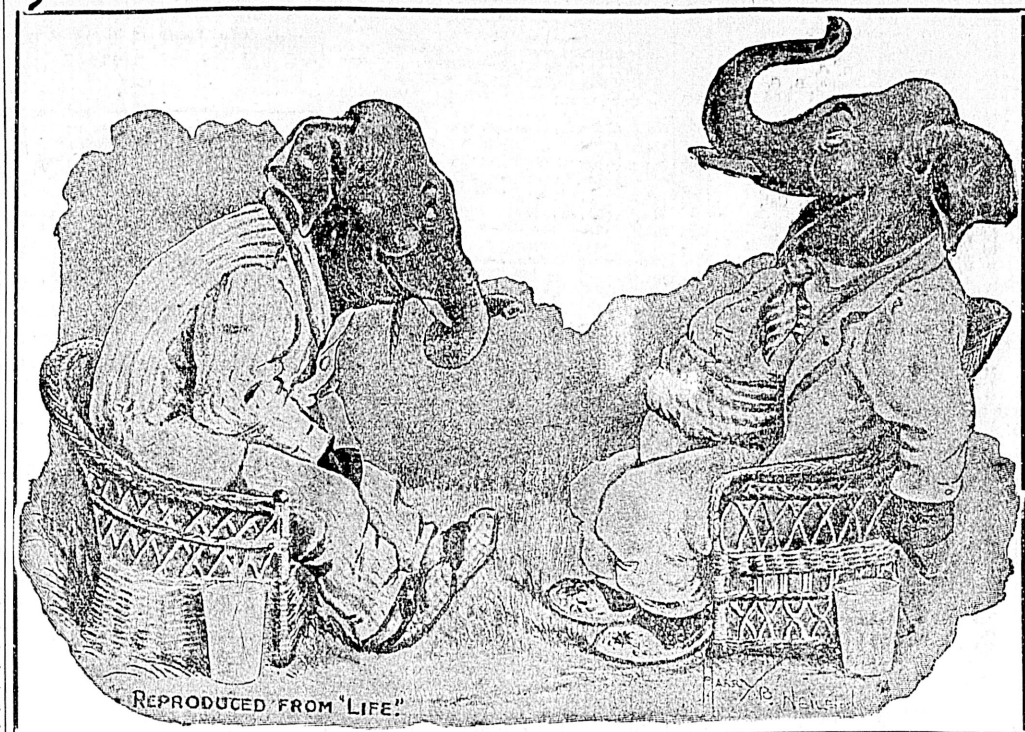
The allegation of the Lieutenant-Governor and the insinuations based upon it are utterly needless and inexcusable. If the departments cannot be trusted with a number of blank forms placed to one bearing the Lieutenant-Governor's signature, they cannot be trusted to keep the forms in their offices, and the Lieutenant-Governor would have to delete them out as they are needed. But if this were the case, who would watch the Lieutenant-Governor? Government would soon become impossible if no reliance could be placed upon the integrity of men in office.

CIVIC POLITICS.

A business man told the Colonist the other day that he took no interest in municipal politics. He takes interest enough in provincial and federal politics. Yet the latter touch him only occasionally and to a limited extent. We have learned in Canada that so far as business goes, that is business as a whole, it matters very little whether A. B. or C. D. is in power at Ottawa or Victoria. Local interests may suffer from specific errors of policy or administration, but the great body of business is as little touched by the politics of the hour as the ocean currents are affected by the passing winds. On the other hand municipal politics touch a man every day and touch him in what is supposed to be his most vital part, that is, his pocket. Yet it is no exaggeration to say that the average business man of Victoria pays less attention to the affairs of the city than he does to those of Denmark, or some other place with which he has no concern at all. A notion seems to be abroad that municipal politics is necessarily a tough subject, and, like garbage, may be left to the handling of men who don't mind that sort of thing. Let us illustrate what we mean by saying that municipal politics touch every man every day.

If you walk across James Bay bridge when the tide is out, your nose is greeted by a vile smell and your eyes are vexed by a lot of tumble-down, uninhabitable shacks. If business or curiosity take you through Chinatown, the chances are that you will see miscellaneous collections of rubbish in the streets and gutters. If you go up to North ward you will find a fountain and what might be a beauty spot left to decay, and will, if you

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ask, he told that the people there have no public playground. If you like to take a bath in the morning, you will find your sense of smell shocked by the odor of the water. If you take a walk over our sidewalks—well, perhaps, the less said about the things you will think the better. For all this and much more misgovernment, you are paying, and paying pretty well. When you go to other cities you see municipal progress; you come back home to encounter municipal stagnation. Then you pay your taxes and comfort yourself with the reflection that municipal politics is a bore anyway. Good citizen, if you do not arouse your self to the urgent necessity of some action, you will wake up some morning with an uncomfortable sensation that Victoria no longer knows just "where she is at."

The Times thinks the reference of the Colonist to the Conservative convention at Vancouver inconsistent with what it said about introducing party lines at the last election. It is not at all inconsistent; but if it were, we do not know that this would be a fatal objection. Only a fool never changes his mind. At the same time the Colonist does not withdraw a word of what it said on this subject prior to the election. Its later observation was wholly directed to the peculiar conditions with which the convention was dealing. It still believes it a mistake to divide provincial politics on federal lines, but the way things are shaping there appears to be no help for it, and the party which the Times supports is chiefly to blame for it.

A correspondent sends a letter complaining that a federal official is taking part in the prohibition campaign. Well, why should he not? We should consider the publication of a letter criticizing any individual for taking part in such a campaign an unwarrantable piece of impertinence.

The Times thinks that doubt exists as to whether the law forbidding saloons to open on election day applies to the plebeians. The best opinion in the East, as expressed in the papers, appears to be that it does.

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Reached His Home Port.—The services at the funeral of the late Capt. Jaegers yesterday were particularly impressive and St. James' church was filled with sympathizing friends, while Bishop Perrin, Rev. Canon Paddon and Rev. J. H. S. Sweet, the rector of the church, officiated. Among the many flowers upon the coffin were an anchor and a star from the C. P. X. Co., and the Victoria pilots also sent a beautiful star. The pall bearers were Capt. Newby, Captain Roberts, Messrs. F. W. Vincent, C. S. Baxter, Hickey and Dickinson.

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Laying New Rails.—Heavier rails are being laid by the B. & N. railway company through the mountains from Goldstream to Shawanigan lake, where the heaviest grade on the line is encountered. The rails being taken up are to be used in the mine extensions.

Building Homes.—There are a large number of small residences in course of construction in and around Victoria and Esquimalt and in the Oak Bay section. Most of the houses are being built for occupation by the owners, some of those building in Esquimalt district being ex-army and navy men and men still in the service.

A Pleasant Surprise.—Mr. Frank Thomson, son of Mr. J. A. Thomson, who leaves this morning for Golden, Col., to take a course in the school of mines, was given a pleasant surprise. The pastor, officers and teachers of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church waited on him at his parents' residence and presented him with an address and a Bible as a mark of their appreciation of his work as secretary of the Sunday School Association of that church.

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Bush Fires Raging.—Several very large bush fires, and numerous small ones, are burning in the mountains between Goldstream and Shawanigan lake. The east side of Mount Finlayson is a mass of fire, and Shawanigan lake is surrounded by flames and dense smoke. Much valuable timber is being destroyed. As all of the fires are some distance from the railway, they must have been started by hunters and campers.

To Meet Lord Beresford.—The flagship Imperieuse, which has only just returned to Esquimalt from a firing practice cruise up the coast, is expected to arrive in Vancouver, there to await the arrival from Halifax of Lord Charles Beresford, the idol of the British navy, who as recently announced in the cable despatches is on his way to China. The Imperieuse, after his departure will pay another visit to the Mainland, her jolly tars being promised as one of the special attractions of the New Westminster exhibition.

A Soldier's Funeral.—The funeral of the late Charles Murist will take place this afternoon, and will be attended by the members of No. 3 company, First battalion, Fifth regiment, of which he was a member. The following order has been issued by Lieut.-Col. Gregory in this connection: "The funeral of the late Gunner C. Murist will take place at 2 p.m. on Wednesday (to-day) from his late residence, No. 25 Menzies street. Members of No. 3 company, First battalion, are able to do so are requested to parade at the drill hall at 1:45 p.m. on that day, for the purpose of attending the funeral. No. 3 company will supply a firing party, consisting of 12 rank and file, under command of a sergeant. Three ranks of light ammunition will be supplied. The band will also attend. Dress: Church parade order."

An Oddity of Routine.—Now that the Canadian special delivery stamps have been placed on sale, the agents of the post office department have been required to interrogate purchasers of them much as a druggist would a customer asking for deadly poison. Ask at the stamp window and you will be met with the interrogation, "what do you want to do with it?" Then the saleswoman will politely explain: "I am obliged to ask, for the department does not allow sales to be made as yet to collectors. If you want to use it, it's all right." When you succeed in convincing the representative of the department that you are no philatelist in disguise you get the stamps, and are at liberty to take your own time working out the problem—why does the government decline to sell stamps where a clear profit can be made at a value less than the cost of the printing must result to the country?

Sidewalks Not Protected.—Painting on the sidewalks is not contrary to the Streets by-law. So declared Magistrate Macrae in the city police court yesterday, when T. J. Shepard was charged before him with "daubing" the sidewalks of the city with paint. The other for Labor Day excursion to Seattle Mr. Shepard had large representations of foot prints painted on the sidewalks from the business portion of the city to the Kingston's wharf, with every block or so the words "Follow me" "Come to Seattle," etc. The clause of the by-law under which Mr. Shepard was summoned reads: "No person shall wilfully cut, hack, carve or in any other way injure, deface or disfigure any public or private building, wall fence, railing, sign, monument, post, bridge or other property." The magistrate holds that "other property" means property similar to that mentioned in the clause and as sidewalks are not mentioned they are not protected.

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Grass Ablaze.—The fire department was called out yesterday afternoon for a grass fire on the Pemberton place, near the junction of Port Bay road and the road to Oak Bay. No damage was done.

Too Numerous to Mention.—The City of Kingston had so many passengers on her inward trip yesterday that the purser and his assistants gave up in despair the task of making up the usual list. It served the purpose just as well to announce the safe arrival home of "450 excursionists."

Cold Water Meeting.—An extra effort is to be made tonight in favor of the prohibition phibiscite at a public meeting to be held in A. O. U. W. hall with Rev. Dr. Campbell in the chair. Rev. A. B. Winchester and Rev. J. E. Coombes are to be the speakers and there will be a choir of thirty or forty voices to enliven things.

Got His Horse Back.—On Friday night Mr. Wm. McKoon, jr., had his horse stolen from Cameron's stable and yesterday afternoon by good luck he recovered the animal, which the thief had shut up in a field back of the marine hospital. The poor animal had been apparently utterly neglected for a couple of days; it was almost starved and parched with thirst.

Annoying Passengers.—Three hotel runners were before the police magistrate yesterday. One, Alfred Ballinger, was charged with an infraction of the public morals by-law, his offense consisting of annoying a passenger and he was fined \$5 and \$2 costs. The other two men, Neil Cameron and Reginald Clay, were fined similar amounts for fighting on the streets.

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A Trio of Drunks.—The charge against William Clarke of wilfully damaging property, he having fallen through the windows of Messrs. H. & A. Fox's store on Government street, was not sustained in the police court yesterday, as it was shown that the window was not broken wilfully but by accident. Clarke, however, will spend ten days in gaol in default of the payment of a fine of \$5 for drunkenness. He will have company yesterday full term, as Jimmy Chickens, Jack, another Indian drunk, paid his fine of \$5 and \$1 costs.

"The Geisha" This Evening.—It is a certainty that to-night's production of "The Geisha" will be the benefit of clever little Miss Cooper who will be still another crowded house. Indeed the advance sale shows this, and to such an extent that the management of the opera are begged in several quarters to "try it once again," give a matinee on Saturday, or a matinee and an evening performance as well. There will be a few changes in the cast this evening, Mr. Lombard replacing Mr. Tooker and Mr. Atkins also filling a more prominent role than that originally allotted to him.

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BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The Motion to Cut Off the City Engineer's Head Voted Down.

Chief Deasy Exonerated From Blame Relating to Chemical Works Fire.

There were a couple of little scraps in the council meeting last night, one of them a sort of triangular word contest between Ald. Wilson, Bragg and Phillips, and the other was a little contest of will power between the mayor and Ald. Bragg, the worthy alderman wanting to talk on what he called a question of privilege, while the mayor kept requesting him to sit down.

A complaint was received, through Messrs. Crease & Crease, from Thomas Hendry, that the frequenters of the bathing house at the foot of Pleasant street were encroaching on this property. Was the house built by the city's permission? The answer will be that the city had not given permission to build the house, and the feeling was that the city was not responsible for anyone trespassing on Mr. Hendry's property.

William Jones wanted the incorporation of the city to his request to the Dominion government for a portion of the foreshore near the Dallas for a salt water swimming bath, where it was intended to have tepid salt water baths winter and summer. The request will be granted.

THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

A letter from the Provincial Board of Health called attention to the change in the act which made the city board of health—not the board of aldermen, as hitherto, but the mayor, police magistrate, city clerk, city engineer and medical health officer.

Ald. Wilson expressed his disapprobation of the change, and wanted to see the city take steps to have the act amended by the legislature, so as to bring back the old order of things.

Ald. Bragg also objected to the change, on the ground that it took the control of health matters out of the hands of the council, while the council had to foot the bills. As things were at present, what with police commissioners and school board and other commissioners, the council's powers were greatly curtailed, although they had to foot the bills.

Ald. Williams favored getting a separate charter for the city altogether, as the general municipalities act was so cumbersome as to be almost unworkable. Ald. Kinsman thought that if this sort of thing went on, they might as well do away with the aldermen altogether. At present the aldermen had to take all the abuse, and were called dollar-a-day men for their pains.

The letter was filed.

A request for the extension of the sewer on Quebec street to Mr. J. Ross' property was referred to the sewerage committee to report.

A report from Mr. Preece on Mr. Killo's complaint of poor water supply was in effect that the trouble was caused by the pipes on the property being clogged with rust. The report recommended that the owner of the property put in new pipes. A copy of this report was ordered sent to Mr. Killo.

A request from J. A. Hinton to be allowed to install wires for a messenger service was referred to the street committee to report.

There was some discussion of the grade of the sidewalk in front of Mr. Dickinson's stores at the corner of Douglas and Pandora streets, and the matter was finally left in the hands of the street committee and city engineer.

CHEMICAL WORKS FIRE.

One of the interesting matters to come up was a report of the fire wardens on the letter of the secretary of the fire underwriters of last week on the Chemical works fire.

Chief Deasy, in his letter to the fire wardens, wrote in reply to the communication of Mr. Elliott:

"First, Mr. Elliott complains that the fire department were not on the ground as soon as they might have been, while the fire had assumed the proportions of a conflagration when the telephone was used, and that no quicker time was ever made by the firemen.

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Third, it is further complained that the chief refused to turn water on the sulphur. This complaint is on a par with the rest. The second stream in service was immediately turned on the sulphur. The manager asked me to place the men on top of the heap, and until the danger of placing men above a fire on a lump heap of sulphur was minimized by turning water on the lower portion, I kept the hosemen on the ground. I have credible witnesses to prove that water was turned on the sulphur at once, and kept on it for seven hours. In proof of this, permit me to state that the heap contained 380 tons of sulphur, valued at \$13,000; the loss amounted to \$305.

"Fourth, Mr. Elliott states, 'When you consider that one pound of water will dissolve three-fourths of a pound of nitre, you will readily see what an enormous loss was occasioned by pouring water on the stock of nitre, some 20 tons of which was washed into the harbor.' It will certainly surprise Mr. Elliott when I report that at no time during the fire was water turned on the nitre by the fire department. If Mr. Elliott had himself acquainted with the action of a heat of nitre of soda, he would ascribe the enormous loss to the nitre melting and running into the sea.

"Fifth, the opinion expressed with reference to my acquaintance with manufacturing hazards and the safety of the firemen is assumed ill-advised, in face of the fact that no serious accidents ever occurred to my men at fire, and the greatest danger they encountered for many a day was on the 16th ult., when persons acquainted with the hazard of storing nitre sacks, subject to spontaneous combustion, were the primary cause of a fire which caused such an enormous loss to the insurance com-

panies. In conclusion, gentlemen, permit me to state that the fire above mentioned was the hardest fought during my many years' service. We received our congratulations on all sides, and although not above criticism, the least we expected from Mr. Elliott or his friends was investigation before making complaints. I am willing and ready at once to prove that the complaints are incorrect, and should be withdrawn in the same manner in which they were made. The censure of public officials on groundless charges, without giving the source of information, cannot be, to my mind, the duty of a board of underwriters, or of anyone connected with any duty to the city, and had pleasant dealings with the board of underwriters for many years. The communication referred to was a surprise, and emanating from a deliberate body, is all the more startling when shown to be unjustifiable."

In connection with this the fire wardens reported they had inquired into the complaints contained in Mr. Elliott's letter and recommended that Chief Deasy be fully exonerated. In part the report states: "The facts so far as your committee have been able to learn in respect to the cause of the loss of the nitre being directly contrary to the statement contained in the letter of the secretary of the Board of Fire Underwriters impart a different aspect to the whole matter and suggest, in the opinion of your committee, the advisability of an inquiry being instituted on the part of the Board of Fire Underwriters instead of the city council into the origin of the fire and all matters in connection therewith."

On recommendation of the special committee the recommendation that an additional man be placed at the pumping station for night service owing to the low pressure of water throughout the city at times, as by that means the high levels would be amply supplied with water during the night in case of fire. This report was adopted and copies of the whole correspondence will be sent to the fire underwriters.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

Contracts for electric light supplies were awarded to the Canadian General Electric Co. at \$327.75 and for lamps to R. B. McKicking at \$22.50 each.

On recommendation of the special committee contracts were awarded for seven teen constables' suits to Messrs. W. A. and D. F. Sprinkling at \$21.50 each; for sergeants' and chief's suits Messrs. J. T. Burrows & Co., at \$28.50 each; 20 pairs of boots to Jas. Maynard, at \$6 per pair.

The street committee recommended that sidewalks be laid on John street, Grant street and on Yates street between Douglas and Blanchard, also that Dallas avenue be not taken over unless it be made 60 feet wide.

This report was adopted.

CEMETERY AFFAIRS.

Ald. Bragg rose to what he called a question of privilege to say that he had heard complaints that the cemetery keeper was letting contracts to put up tombstones, to make vaults and do other repairs.

Ald. Humber had heard all about this before. As a matter of fact people some times wrote to the caretaker asking him to have repairs done to their lots and he always handed the work over to some one authorized to do such work. The caretaker was a very capable and thoroughly honest man who was quite above-board in what he did.

The Mayor endorsed Ald. Humber's remarks, saying the caretaker was an upright honorable man.

Ald. Bragg rose to speak again when the Mayor interrupted him, saying that this was not a question of privilege, but if there were any charges against the caretaker they must be in writing.

Ald. Bragg persisted in speaking and the Mayor interrupted him, asking the Alderman to take his seat.

Ald. Bragg replied if the aldermen could not speak the Mayor "might just as well run the whole show."

The Mayor—Ald. Bragg, will you take your seat?

Ald. Bragg tried to talk, but the Mayor, ripping his desk sharply, insisted on the Alderman sitting down, and eventually order was restored.

Ald. McGregor's motion authorizing the by-law to take its course in the pulling down of projecting shades on several Chinese stores was carried and then came Ald. Bragg's resolution for a report of the expenditure under the Waterworks loan of 1894. This was carried with the exception of the portion for a statement as to whom the balance of the money was due, the majority of the council taking the view that as the matter was yet in dispute in the courts it would be unwise to make a statement committing the city.

THE CITY ENGINEER.

Ald. Phillips' long deferred motion to disperse with the city engineer or the assistant came up and was opposed by Ald. Humber. If there had been a direct motion to discharge the city engineer he would understand it, but the motion as it was worded was a strange one.

Ald. Phillips said that the motion came about as the council was well aware of the waterworks question, a question that would always be a vexed one as long as the present Mayor was in power.

His Worship—Then why not go after the Mayor instead of the city engineer? Ald. Phillips went on to say that in the opinion of many ratepayers the city engineer was not the proper person to carry on the waterworks.

Ald. Wilson characterized the motion as the most cowardly and contemptible one that ever came before the board. If he had anything to say against a man he would do it openly. It was the work of a Dago to stab a man in the back like some people wanted to do.

Ald. Phillips retorted that it was Ald. Wilson who was a Dago and the Mayor had to demand order several times to keep the aldermen from exchanging more compliments across the floor.

Ald. Bragg took exception to Ald. Wilson's remarks as including him. Ald. Wilson—I fit the cap fits, wear it.

Ald. Bragg was quite ready to make charges openly in the case of the cemetery keeper if he could get the man who complained to make an affidavit. The services of the city engineer, he maintained, were not satisfactory.

Ald. Kinsman would vote for the resolution, and was not afraid to say so. The motion was put and voted down.

Ald. Bragg, Kinsman and Phillips being in favor of it, while Ald. Wilson, Hall, Humphrey, Humber, Williams, McGregor and the Mayor opposed it.

The council then adjourned.

C. P. R. Auditor.—Frank Western, C. P. R. auditor, is a guest at the New England. He is here to check the local office of the company previous to the change of agents.

They Took a Holiday.—There is a new staff of messenger boys at the British Columbia District Messenger office. The old staff took it into their heads that they should have a holiday on Labor Day and a majority of them took in the excursion to Seattle. Yesterday they were given the alternative of paying a heavy fine or quitting the service. They quit the service.

VICTORIA PRESBYTERY

Rev. J. C. Forster Selected as Moderator, and Nanaimo as the Next Meeting Place.

Attention Drawn to the Recommendation of the Presbytery Respecting Prohibition.

A meeting of the Presbytery of Victoria was held yesterday at St. Columba church, Oak Bay, when Rev. J. C. Forster was elected as moderator for the ensuing year and Nanaimo was selected as the place for the next meeting to be held on the first Tuesday in December. There were present at the meeting Rev. W. Leslie Clay, Rev. Dr. Campbell, Rev. J. C. Forster, Rev. D. Macrae, Rev. Mr. Perry, Rev. A. B. Winchester and Rev. Mr. Woodside, of the American Presbyterian church.

The deputation appointed to visit the congregation and home missions submitted their report, which was approved.

Rev. Mr. Clay, for the home mission committee, presented a report showing that claims amounting to \$815 had been passed and that arrangements had been made to supply mission stations. The board expressed gratification at the work accomplished by the missions during the term.

The augmentation committee presented a report showing two augmented charges, St. Paul's, Victoria, and St. George's Union, to which grants of \$400 were recommended.

The standing committees for the ensuing year were appointed with the following conveners: Home missions and augmentation, Rev. W. L. Clay; foreign missions, Rev. Dr. Campbell; statistics and finance, Rev. D. Macrae; Sunday schools, Rev. Dr. Campbell; young people's societies, Rev. J. C. Forster; church and work, Rev. W. B. Cummings; Manitoba college, Rev. A. B. Winchester.

Committees were also appointed to consider the reports of the general assembly and report to the next meeting of the presbytery.

On motion it was decided to respectfully call the attention of all ministers and sessions to the recommendation of the general assembly on the temperance question. The recommendation of the general assembly follows: "That in view of the approaching jubilee, the recommendation of the last assembly be renewed, viz., that our people are hereby earnestly exhorted to use their utmost endeavors in every lawful way to carry the jubilee in favor of prohibition by an overwhelming majority and thus free the church of one of its deadliest foes; our land from united misery and crime and our modern civilization from its direst reproach and shame."

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Prof. Hays, Ont. School of Chemistry and Pharmacy, says: "I have made an examination of Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure for cocaine and in all its compounds, from samples purchased in the open market, have found none present." We offer a reward of \$1,000, to be devoted to any charitable institution, if any druggist or doctor can find the least trace of that deadly drug cocaine contained in Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure. Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure recommended by all dealers at 25 cents box, blower included free.

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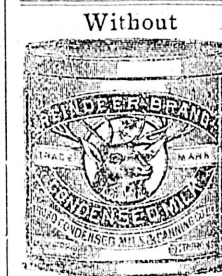
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"THE QUEEN OF TABLE WATERS."

Bottled only at the Spring, Neuenahr, Rhenish-Frussia. A Toronto party recently charged with refilling Apollinaris bottles bearing the genuine labels was convicted and fined by the Toronto Police Magistrate.

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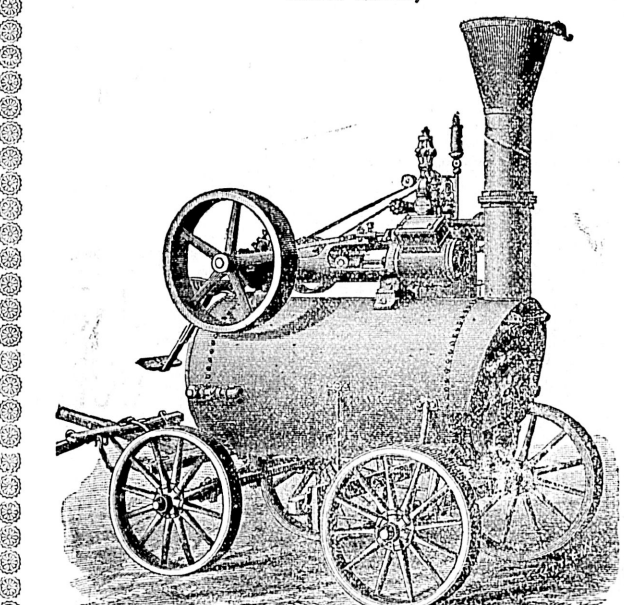
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Just received a carload of PORTABLE FARM ENGINES

With iron wheels, not wooden ones, as shown in cut. Manufactured by the Jas. Leffel & Co., Springfield, Ohio.

These engines are particularly well adapted for farm work, being amply sufficient for running small threshers, feed cutters, grinding mills, etc. The entire boiler is made of steel, and is of the class known as the Cornish Return Tubular Boiler, the safest and most economical boiler made. All kinds of fuel can be used in these boilers. The engine is simplicity itself, and is made of only the very best materials.

We can refer as to their success to some of the best known farmers in B. C. who have bought them from us. We also have some 3 H. P. upright engines by same makers. Call and inspect these engines at Victoria or Vancouver, or send for catalogues and prices.

McCandless Bros.

SUCCESSORS TO GILMORE & McCANDLESS.

HAVING taken over the above business our sale is discontinued except in lines that we wish to clear.

We have not had time to go through our stock yet, but will do so in a few days, when all old stock will be picked out, and if not sold by private sale in the usual way we will auction it off.

Particulars in a few days.

McCANDLESS BROS. OAK HALL - 37 JOHNSON STREET

Seagram's Whisky

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SOLE AGENTS: R. P. RITHET & CO., Ltd.

W. JONES, Auctioneer.

Has received instructions from John Stevens, Esq., of L. L. District, to sell on the premises, known as the

6-Mile House, Saanich Road BY PUBLIC AUCTION, At 11 A.M. Thursday, Sept. 15, 1898

Quantity of hay, oats, potatoes, about 100 cords of dry cordwood, Branford blinder, American Buckeye mower, 2 farm wagons, 1 line spring wagon, double and single harness, 5 head horses, lot of highest grade Durham cattle, hogs, ploughs, harrows, cultivators, sulky rakes, and other implements and farm tools, and the household furniture.

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED ON PREMISES.

Terms cash. Also, at same time and place, this beautiful farm of 510 acres will be offered. Terms at sale of by application to the auctioneer, W. J. Jones, 1111 Hillside avenue station at 9 a.m., returning at 4 p.m. Round trip fare 25c.

W. JONES, Auctioneer.

PABST BOHEMIAN Bank Exchange.

The custom, exchange, and cheques Restaurant in the city.

Estate of Hughitt & McIntyre

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

A second dividend is now payable on application at the office of THOMAS EARLE, Wharf street, Victoria, 9th August, 1898.

NOTICE. The Union College of British Columbia, Limited Liability.

The annual general meeting of the stockholders of the company will be held at the Victoria, on Wednesday, the 5th day of October next, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon. CHAS. E. POOLEY, Secretary, Victoria, 31st August, 1898.

YUKON MINERS

I am prepared to buy some good properties for any party who are unable to come out this spring. Parties wishing a claim or two should write me at once, as I am possible, as I intend to leave in July to visit my family in Edmonton and to bring out my sons.

Letters should be accompanied by a certificate of the American Commercial Co. or the North American Trading & Transportation Co. made in my favor. Being on the ground and having had some experience, I am in a position to buy to advantage. Claims on unprospected properties—250 to-day may be bought from me at five thousand dollars and may be worth fifty thousand next fall. Will be in Victoria early in August and again about the 20th. Or any parties preferring, we deposit amount in a Victoria bank and advise me of the same and what amount they wish to pay for a claim, and I can bring out the title and records.

LOUIS COUTURE, Dawson City, Yukon.

References—Lieut. Governor Dewdney, F. Oliver, M. P., Edmonton; Judge McGuire.

TENDERS.

Highway Bridge Across the Thompson River at Kamloops, B. C.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works up to and including the 31st day of May next, for the supply and delivering of the materials for the construction of the above bridge.

Tenders must be accompanied by a bond for the execution of the work, by an accepted bank cheque or certificate of deposit equal to five per cent. of the total amount of the contract, made payable to the order of the undersigned, which will be forfeited if the successful tenderer fails to enter into contract when called upon to do so, or if he fails to complete the work contracted for. The cheques of unsuccessful tenderers will be returned to them upon the execution of the contract.

Tenders must also furnish the names of two sureties acceptable to the Department who are willing to execute a bond for the penal sum of two hundred dollars each for the due completion of the work.

Specifications can be seen and after the tenth instant, at the Lands and Works Department, Victoria, and at the office of the Government Agent, Kamloops.

The Department is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender.

W. S. GORE, Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works, Lands and Works Department, Victoria, B. C., 7th May, 1898.

DISPUTED LANDS IN RAILWAY BELT. Kamloops Division of Yale District.

Lot 474, Group 1, Jacob Duck
Lot 488, " " James Ross
Lot 498, " " C. E. Williams
Lot 499, " " Whitfield Chase
Lot 499, " " C. E. Clementson
Lot 499, " " J. R. Kinsman
Lot 499, " " John Pringle
Lot 499, " " John Wilson
Lot 518, " " William Ward, Pemberton

Arrangements having been made between the respective governments of the Dominion of Canada and the Province of British Columbia whereby owners of lands in the above-named district deriving their titles through original grants from the Provincial Government, may obtain confirmatory grants of said lands from the Dominion Government, notice is hereby given that all persons owning lands as aforesaid are requested to forward their applications for such grants forthwith to the undersigned, together with their title deeds, or authenticated copies thereof, in order that the same may be examined and releases and surrenders prepared for execution. Any lands covered by the agreement made between the two governments for which releases and surrenders have not been tendered to the Dominion Government for homologation before the 1st day of January, 1900, will cease to be subject to such agreement.

ALFRED G. SMITH, Deputy Attorney-General, Attorney-General's Office, June 10, 1898.

NOTICE.

Esquimaux & Nanaimo Railway Company

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the company will be held at the company's office, Victoria, on Wednesday, the 5th day of October next, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

CHAS. E. POOLEY, Secretary, Victoria, 31st August, 1898.

HANDY LIST

VICTORIA FIRMS.

BAKERS AND CONFECTIONERS. M. R. SMITH & CO., Victoria, B.C., Manufacturers of all kinds of Plain and Fancy Biscuits and Cakes.

BOOK EXCHANGE. CASHMORIS, 103 Douglas street; buy and exchange all kinds of books and novels.

DRAYMAN. JOSEPH HANEY, Truck and Drayman—Office 20 Yates street; stables 110 Superior street; Telephone 171.

FUNERAL DIRECTORS & EMBALMERS. CHAS. HAYWARD, 62 Government street.

HOUSE AND SIGN PAINTERS. R. LEITCH—Paints, varnishes, etc. Window glass and wall paper.

HARDWARE. E. G. PRIOR & CO.—Hardware and Agricultural Implements, Cor. Johnson and Government.

HOTELS. OCCIDENTAL—\$1 to \$1.50 per day. Under management of Walter Porter.

DOMINION—Popular prices; all comforts of higher price hotels. Free bus; meals 25 cents.

QUEEN'S—Am. and Europ. plan, cor. Store and Johnson streets. J. C. Voss, Prop.

LIVERY AND TRANSFERS. VICTORIA TRANS. CO., 21 Broughton st.—Largest stock of horses, carriages, etc. for hire.

VICTORIA TRUCK AND DRAY CO.—Telephone 13.

MINING BROKERS. BEN WILLIAMS & CO., 44 Fort St., mining brokers and operators. Stocks and shares sold on commission. Correspondence solicited.

STEAM COFFEE AND SPICE MILLS. STEINER & EARL, Coffee, spices, mustards, baking powders. Pembroke st. near Government.

PHOTOGRAPHERS. MAYNARD'S ART STUDIO, No. 41 Pandora street, dealers in all kinds of photographic material; views of British Columbia and Alaska.

Sema Block—Maynard's Shoe and Finding Store, 41 Pandora street; boots, shoes, leather and shoe findings; "K" boots a specialty.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL BUTCHERS. L. GOODACRE, Contractor by app't to the Royal Navy and Dominion Government. Tel. 32.

THE BRITISH COLUMBIA MARKET CO. Ltd., Gov't and Yates Sts., Butchers and Packers; wholesale and retail dealers in fresh, salted and smoked meats, lard, etc.; branch Vancouver.

STEAM DYE WORKS. PAISLEY DYE WORKS—Tel. 410. The old reliable. Established 1885. 116 Yates street.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—Tel. 200—Largest establishment; country orders solicited. 141 Yates street.

W. LEITCH, dealer in paints, oils, varnish and window glass; agent for Brilliant.

LAND REGISTRY ACT.

In the matter of the application of Lionel Barnett Joseph and Josephus Barnett Joseph, formerly of Victoria, but now of London, England, for a Certificate of Indefeasible Title to Victoria Town Lots Nos. one hundred and nine (109), one hundred and ten (110), one hundred and eleven (111), one hundred and thirty-nine (139), two hundred and eighty-one (281), three hundred and seventy-seven (377), four hundred and eighteen (418), four hundred and fifty-two (452), four hundred and seventy-seven (477), four hundred and eighty-four (484), five hundred and sixty-three (563), five hundred and seventy-three (573), five hundred and seventy-four (574), six hundred and fifty-six (656), six hundred and fifty-seven (657), six hundred and sixty-one (661), six hundred and sixty-two (662), six hundred and sixty-three (663), six hundred and sixty-four (664), six hundred and sixty-five (665), six hundred and sixty-six (666), six hundred and sixty-seven (667), six hundred and sixty-eight (668), six hundred and sixty-nine (669), six hundred and seventy (670), six hundred and seventy-one (671), and all that piece or parcel of land situate in Esquimalt District, being portion of Suburban Lot Forty (40), on the Official Map of said District, commencing at a point 561 links from the northerly corner of said lot, thence running westerly along the northerly line of the said lot to the northwesterly corner thereof, thence at right angles southerly ten chains half a mile to the southerly corner of the said lot, thence at right angles easterly to a point ninety-one links distant from the southerly corner of the said lot, thence at right angles northerly to the place of beginning, and which said piece of land contains three acres one rood and sixteen perches, more or less.

Notice is hereby given that it is my intention to issue a Certificate of Indefeasible Title to the above lands to Lionel Barnett Joseph and Josephus Barnett Joseph on the first day of October next, unless in the meantime a valid objection thereto be made to me in writing by some person having an estate or interest therein, or in some part thereof.

S. Y. WOOTTON, Registrar-General, Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C., June 29th, 1898.

LAKE SIDE HOTEL.

Cowichan Lake

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Both in the River and Lake is unequalled in the province

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day, he it Liberal or Conservative, to reward its supporters in the house by jingoisms or by offices and emoluments of any kind, and to punish its opponents. They are asked whether they are the men that denounced as the most dangerous principle and as

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of the system of government of this country, such things as they themselves are now perpetrating, but they answer nor a word, or they answer that they carry the day-electors, that they have the majority: that they are on the right.

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